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SUBJ: REPORTED DISCOVERY OF ELECTRONIC INTEL EQUIPMENT

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1. THE FOL ARE THE PERTINENT PARAS OF A JULY 14 COMMUNICATION
FROM CALI TO THE EMB:

A. "THE CON HAS RECEIVED INQUIRY FROM TWO AGENTS OF THE F2,
CALI REGARDING TWO OBJECTS PURPORTEDLY RECOVERED FROM THE PACIFIC
SOME EIGHT MILES OFF THE BUENAVENTURA COAST. THE AGENTS, BOTH
OF WHOM HAVE WORKED AT THE CON, REQUESTED THAT THE MATTER BE KEPT
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OF WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED."

B. "THE AGENTS ARE IN CONTACT WITH AN UNNAMED INFORMANT WHO CLAIMS
TO HAVE THE TWO OBJECTS IN HIS POSSESSION. ACCORDING TO THIS IN-
FORMANT, THE OBJECTS ARE ELECTRONIC INTEL-GATHERING DEVICES
PLANTED IN COLOMBIAN NATIONAL WATERS BY SOME AGENCY OF THE US GOVT.
THE OBJECTS WHICH THE F2 AGENTS HAVE NOT SEEN, ARE SAID TO BE
LARGE METALLIC SPHERES, WEIGHING PERHAPS HALF A TON AND FEATURING
ANTENNAS AND WIRES. THE AGENTS SAY THE OBJECTS ARE NOT MINES
OR WEAPONS. THE INFORMANT CLAIMS THAT US GOVT PER SPENT SEVERAL
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DAYS LAST WEEK OPERATING A SEARCH MISSION OUT OF BUENAVENTURA IN

A SMALL BOAT LADEN WITH ELECTRONIC GEAR IN A FRUITLESS SEARCH FOR THE EQUIPMENT. THE ATTEMPT WAS FRUITLESS PURPORTEDLY BECAUSE THE INFORMANT HAD ALREADY RECOVERED THE OBJECTS. THE OBJECTS WERE SUPPOSEDLY LOCATED ON THE SEA FLOOR IN A HEAVILY USED FISHING AREA."

2. THE EMB WOULD, IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBILITY OF A GOC INQUIRY, APPRECIATE ANY INFO AVAILABLE ON OCEANOGRAPHIC DEVICES THAT MAY HAVE BEEN PLACED OFF THE PACIFIC COAST OF COLOMBIA.

3. THE REF IN THE CALI REPORT TO US GOVT PER OPERATING OUT OF BUENAVENTURA IS PARTICULARLY DISTRESSING, IF TRUE, SINCE THIS EMB HAD IN NO WAY BEEN APPRISED OF ANY VISITS TO THE BUENAVENTURA AREA BY USG PER.

4. EMB WOULD APPREIATE IT IF DEPT WOULD INQUIRE OF SUCH AGENCIES AS MIGHT BE ENGAGED IN INTEL GATHERING AND/OR OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH (NASA, NSA, DOD, ETC.) CONCERNING ANY ACTIVITIES IN COLOMBIA IN THE RECENT PAST. VAKY

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